Government have placed before the BIFR a rehabilitation package for NTC (APKK&M) on the basis of the modernisation plans prepared by the Textile Research Associations. Azam Jahi Mills is included in this rehabilitation plan. The funds for modernisation of NTC mills will be raised out of the proceeds of sale of surplus lands and assests of different mills of NTC. The rehabilitation package will be implemented after the BIFR clearance. Till such time the Central Government is providing budgetary support to NTC for meeting its shortfall towards payment of salaries, wages and bonus.

DNA Test for Criminal Identification

2771. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) tests for criminal identification have been introduced in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when these tests were accepted in India; and

(d) to what extent it has got success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) According to information available, so far about 100 DNA analyses have been conducted by the Centre for Cellular and Morecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad, where DNA related research facility has been created. However, these have not yet been accepted as evidence in the Court of Law, CCMB is not yet covered under section 293 of the code of Criminal Procedure, 1993. Opinion has, however, been tendered under section 45 of the Indian Evidence Act in different cases. Although, the full potential of this technology has not yet been utilized in the country, a number of steps are being taken by Government to ensure greater acceptability of the DNA analysis.

Law for compensation to victim of Unlawful Arrest

2772. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to made amendments in the Indian Penal Code to empower the courts to order payments of compensation to a victim of unlawful arrest and illegal detention;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether India is a signatory to the International convention civil and political rights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The Criminal Law (Second Amendment) Bill, 1995, which was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 21st August, 1995, contained inter-alia a proposal to amend Section 220 of IPC to provide for payment of compensation for deliberate and illegal confinement. The Bill, however, lapsed due to the dissolution of the Xth Lok Sabha. The Government is required to consult its various Departments before the Bill can be re-introduced.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Development of automatic hand weapons

2773. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the project for switch over from the outmoded range of FNFAL 7.62 mm hand weapons to the indigenously developed automatic 5.56 mm range was mooted;

(b) the achievements so far and the short-fall in the production of the weapons as against the projection;

(c) the reasons for the production target having failed to materialize;

(d) the amount spent on the import of assault rifles to meet the demand stating the nature of the weapons imported; and